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## Rep. Bacchiochi: Stafford Springs Attorney Appointed to Major State Panel



House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-86<sup>th</sup> District, has appointed F. Joseph Paradiso, a Stafford Springs attorney, to the state Commission on Compensation of Elected State Officials and Judges, state Representative Penny Bacchiochi, R-52<sup>nd</sup> District, announced today.

"I'd like to thank Bob Ward for appointing Mr. Paradiso to this commission. In addition to a distinguished career as a state's attorney and a lawyer in private practice, Mr. Paradiso is an active member of several local civic organizations as well as the Connecticut and Tolland County bar associations," said Representative Bacchiochi, who recommended him for the appointment. "Mr. Paradiso's background and professional experience make him uniquely well-qualified for this position."

"As a former state's attorney, he knows that judges must be adequately compensated to encourage the best-qualified lawyers to seek appointment to the state bench. As an attorney in private practice and as an individual who is active in his community, he understands the burden state taxes place on the average citizen and will be able to strike the appropriate balance between the financial needs of jurists and elected state officials and Connecticut's taxpayers. Mr. Paradiso will carry out his responsibilities with dedication and distinction and make a significant contribution to the work of this important state panel."

"I hope that your service in this position will be challenging and satisfying. I know that the talent and expertise you bring to it will be of great value and service to our state and its citizens," Rep. Ward said in a letter to Mr. Paradiso informing him of the appointment. "On behalf of the people of Connecticut, please accept my thanks for your willingness to accept the challenge of public service. My congratulations on your appointment to this important post."

The commission makes recommendations to the General Assembly on salaries for state judges and elected officials. Commissioners serve four-year terms.